



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Buddy Up Sessional Worker

Hourly Rate: £10.90

Location: Borough wide

Hours: Sessional (approximately 4 – 8 hours per week)

Accountable to: Buddy Up Co-ordinator

Job Purpose: To support the delivery of social activities for young people with additional needs and disabilities in accordance with the policies of Sefton CVS and at the request of the Buddy Up Coordinator.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- To support the Buddy Up Coordinator and Support Officer in the set up of any activity in a community centre or at alternative location in the community.
- To supervise and support participants and volunteers during social activities to ensure their safety at all times.
- To lead on games and activities which engage service users and volunteers with the aim of reducing social isolation, increasing confidence and building independence skills.
- To ensure that all participants leave activities via the pre arranged method of transport or with a responsible adult safely.
- To support the Buddy Up Coordinator and Support Officer in clearing up the end of social activities.
- To debrief after each session with the Buddy Up Coordinator and/or Support Officer and report any concerns.

To follow Sefton CVS Safeguarding policy and procedure when necessary

General

You will be required to participate in staff development and use all relevant learning opportunities to improve personal skills.

You will be required to confirm their eligibility to work in the UK in order to comply with employment legislation.

Where the job involves engaging in regulated activity, the successful candidate will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (CRB) enhanced check before appointment is confirmed.

Confidentiality

You must maintain the confidentiality of all information and records relating to the work of Sefton CVS, in accordance with the organisation's procedures and policies.

Hours of Work

You must be prepared to work flexible hours, in line with the requirements of the post. This may involve some evening and occasional weekend work, for which time off in lieu will be granted, subject to Sefton CVS's policies and procedures and prior agreement with the line-manager. You will be expected to adopt a mature and common-sense approach to this arrangement.

Pension

A Group Pension scheme is in operation and Sefton CVS contributes 6% on behalf of all employees who have opted to join the scheme.

Annual Leave & Public Holidays

The annual leave entitlement is 26 days (29 days after 5 years) plus normal Bank & Public Holidays. The organisation reserves the right to close over the Christmas period.

Employee benefits include; Health and Wellbeing package, Income Protection and Life Assurance.

Equal Opportunities

Sefton CVS operates an equal opportunities policy and is committed to a programme of action to make this policy effective.

Navajo Charter Mark (LGBTIQA+)

Sefton CVS is committed to being an LGBTIQA+ friendly employer and provider of services.

In recognition of this, we were awarded the Navajo Charter Mark for the steps we have undertaken to improve, and ensure the continued improvement of, our employment practices, service design, service delivery and access for LGBTIQA+ people within our communities.



Sefton CVS actively encourage and welcome people from LGBTIQA+ communities to apply for our job vacancies.

Disability Confident Employer

Sefton CVS have been awarded the Disability Confident Employer accreditation (previously Disability Two Ticks) in recognition of our commitment to the recruitment, employment, retention and career development of disabled people.



What we mean by disability: The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Guaranteed Interview: The Disability Confident Employer accreditation includes a guaranteed interview for any disabled applicant who meets the common and specific requirements for a job.

How to apply: If you feel you are eligible for a guaranteed interview under the Disability Confident scheme, please complete and return the form found at the end of the Job Application document.



Additional Information

Unfortunately, owing to the number of applications received, it is not possible to offer individual feedback to candidates who have not been shortlisted.

If you have not been contacted within 2 weeks of the closing date, please assume that you have not been shortlisted on this occasion and please accept our thanks for your interest.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

You will need to demonstrate that they have the skills and experience in each of the following areas and will be required to respond to each of the requirements listed below.

Specific Requirements to this post

Experience

- Experience of working with young people with additional needs and disabilities

Knowledge

- Knowledge of the barriers/difficulties that young people with additional needs and their families face

* Common Requirements for all Sefton CVS posts - you must have the following skills*

Communication Skills

- To effectively communicate with different groups and individuals in various situations.

Interpersonal Skills

- To be able to form good working relationships with people from a wide range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds to enable you to achieve your goals and also to promote the reputation of Sefton CVS.

Organisational Skills

- To be able to plan and organise your own workload and manage your time.
- To be able to set up and maintain appropriate systems for the management and accurate recording of your work and the progress of others.

Team Working

- To be able to contribute to the Sefton CVS team and its overall effectiveness.
- To share skills, expertise and ideas with other CVS projects.

Information & Communication Technology

- Fully IT literate; to be able to use Microsoft Office software such as Outlook, Zoom, Word and Excel independently and effectively.

Equal Opportunities

- To be committed to and understand equality and diversity practice and implementation in the workplace.